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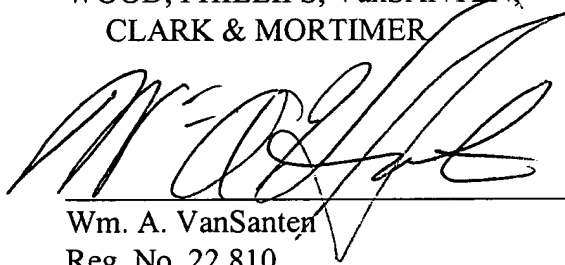
adjacent runs and each run at the exterior of said matrix additionally engaging said salt jacket, said runs having a cross-sectional shape such that flow spaces exist between said runs, said flow spaces being in fluid communication with said inlet and outlet conduits.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is to avoid potential indefiniteness in claim 1 since reference to the outer jacket on line 2 being canceled has no proper antecedent. The change causes the first two lines of claim 1 to read substantially as the corresponding lines in independent claim 13 and consequently should not be regarded as a change of gist, but rather, merely to place the case in better condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked Up Version of Claims

1. In a latent heat storage device including a salt case, inlet and outlet conduits extending [from the exterior of the outer jacket] to the interior of the salt case, at least one tube within the salt case and having a plurality of straight parallel runs defining a matrix with an exterior, and a phase change material sealed within said at least one tube, the improvement wherein the runs are laid out in an equilateral polygonal pattern with each run inwardly of said matrix exterior abutting a plurality of adjacent runs and each run at the exterior of said matrix additionally engaging said salt jacket, said runs having a cross-sectional shape such that flow spaces exist between said runs, said flow spaces being in fluid communication with said inlet and outlet conduits.